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Smart Justice Campaign



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Idaho Smart Justice Blueprint

- The ACLU's Campaign for Smart Justice is committed to transforming our nation's criminal justice system and building a new vision of safety and justice
- The Smart Justice 50-State Blueprints show how each state can cut the number of people behind bars by half.
- National and state affiliate created an Idaho Specific Blueprint

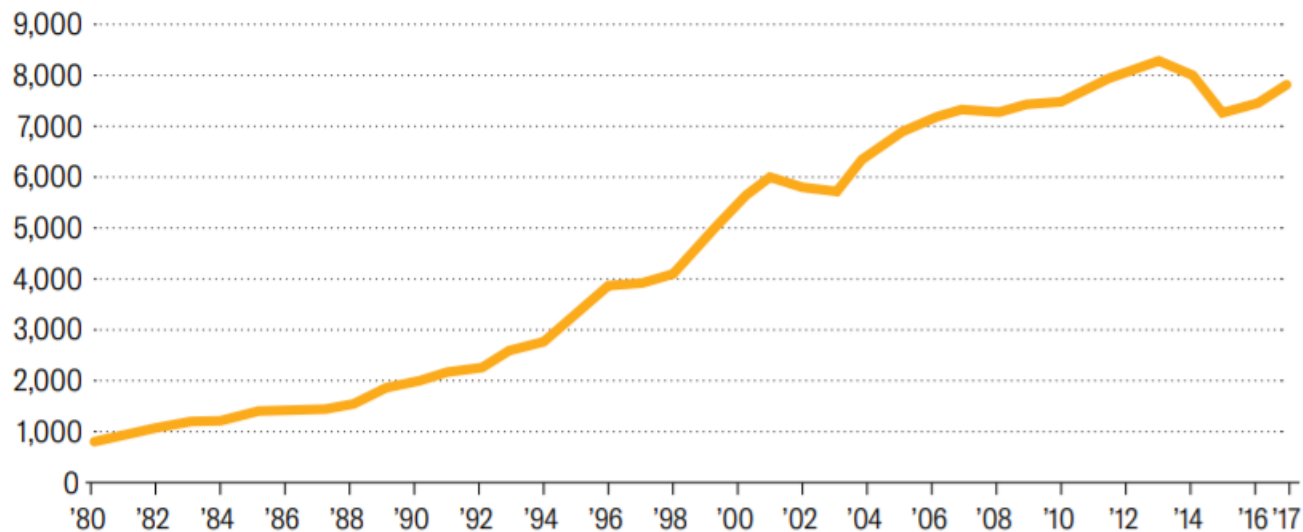
Agenda

- Review Blueprint findings
 - Growth of Incarceration
 - Idaho's Incarcerated Population: Demographics
- Pathways moving Forward

Blueprint Data

Significant Growth in Carceral Solutions

IDAHO PRISON POPULATION



INCARCERATION RATES

COMPARING IDAHO
AND FOUNDING NATO COUNTRIES



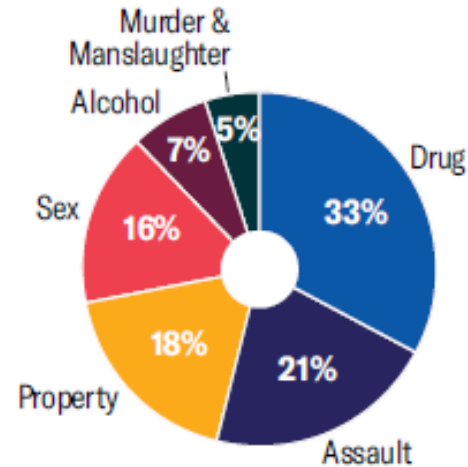
Incarceration rates per 100,000 population

Source: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/2018.html>

A Closer Look at Idaho's Incarcerated Population

- 58% of incarcerated people in Idaho are imprisoned for a nonviolent offense.

IDAHO PRISON POPULATION
BY OFFENSE TYPE (2018)



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Incarcerated Women

- As of 2017, Idaho had the nation's **fourth-highest** imprisonment rate among women.
- Most women (54 percent) in prison were under the age of 35
- 12 percent were between the ages of 18 and 24.
- History of Trauma

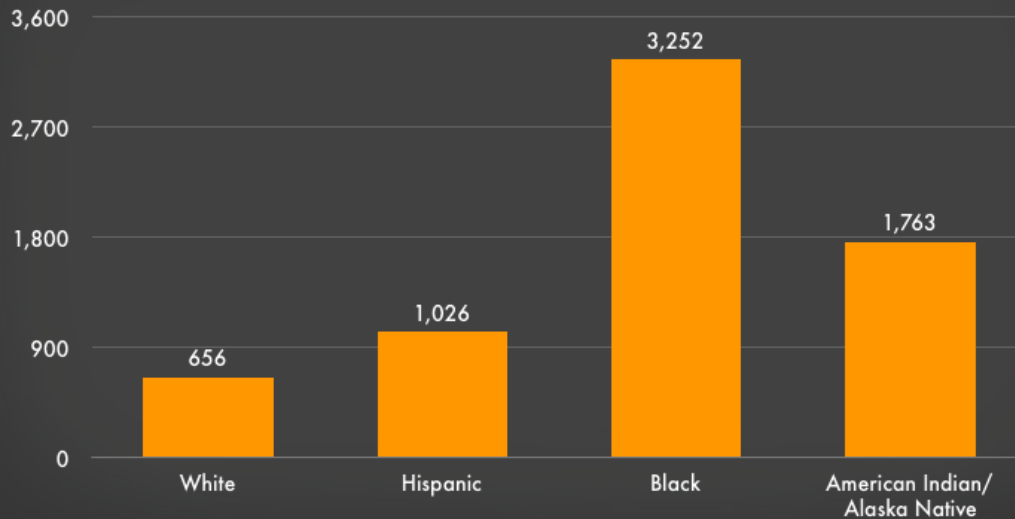
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Racial Disparities

- As of 2014, Idaho had the nation's third-highest Latinx imprisonment rate.
- The imprisonment rate for Native American adults in Idaho was nearly four times that of white adults in 2017.
- In 2017, 1 in 24 Black men in Idaho were in prison.

IDAHO INCARCERATION RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2010

(Number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group)

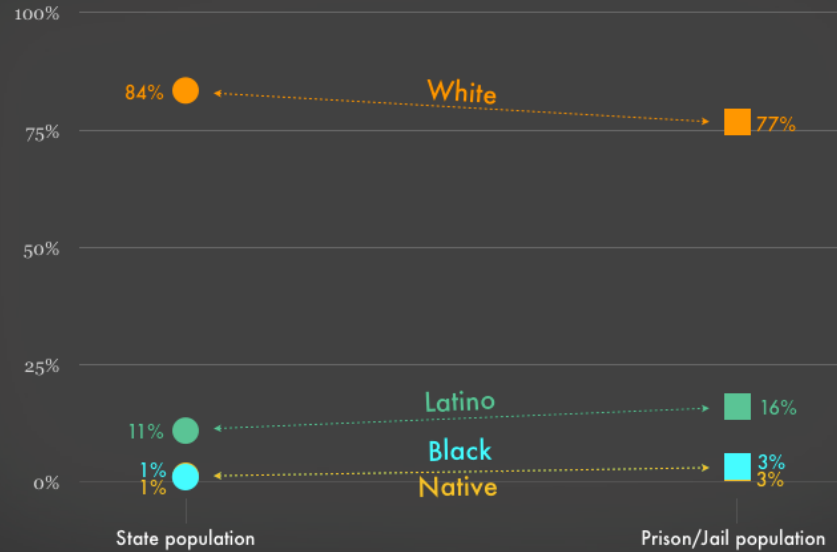


PRISON
POLICY INITIATIVE

Source: Calculated from U.S. Census 2010 Summary File 1. Incarceration populations are all types of correctional facilities in a state, including federal and state prisons, local jails, halfway houses, etc. Statistics for Whites are for Non-Hispanic Whites.

Racial and ethnic disparities in prisons and jails in Idaho

Whites are underrepresented in the incarcerated population while Blacks, Latinos and American Indians are overrepresented.



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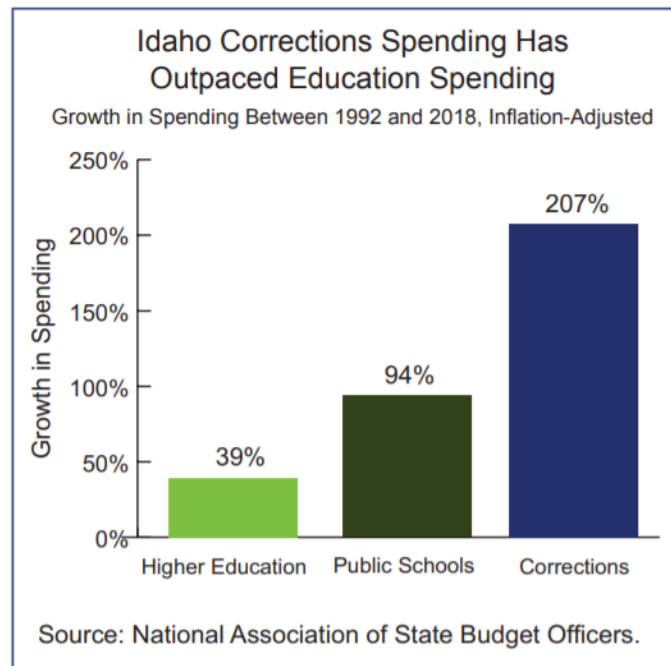
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Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

- As of 2019, IDOC reports that approximately 85 percent of people in Idaho prisons face substance abuse challenges.

The Cost of Incarceration

- Idaho's general fund corrections spending grew 754 percent between 1985 and 2017.
- In 2017, Idaho spent \$252 million of its general fund on corrections.



Pathways Moving Forward

Decrease Prison and Jail Admissions

- Expand treatment for substance abuse and mental health
- Allow and expand non-incarceration sentences
- Reduce probation and parole revocations
- Decriminalization
- Eliminate cash bail

Ensure Adequate Public Defense

- Caseload standards
- Pay and resource parity with the prosecutor's office

Reduce Time Served

- Eliminate Mandatory Minimums
- Lower Statutory Maximum for Theft Offenses
- Good Time
- Parole Reform
- Compassionate Release

Re-Entry Solutions: Fair Chance Employment

- Approximately 21 percent of Idahoans have a previous criminal conviction.
- Ninety-five percent of people in state prisons will re-enter their community and need to establish meaningful employment in order to build stability and have a successful long-term reentry.

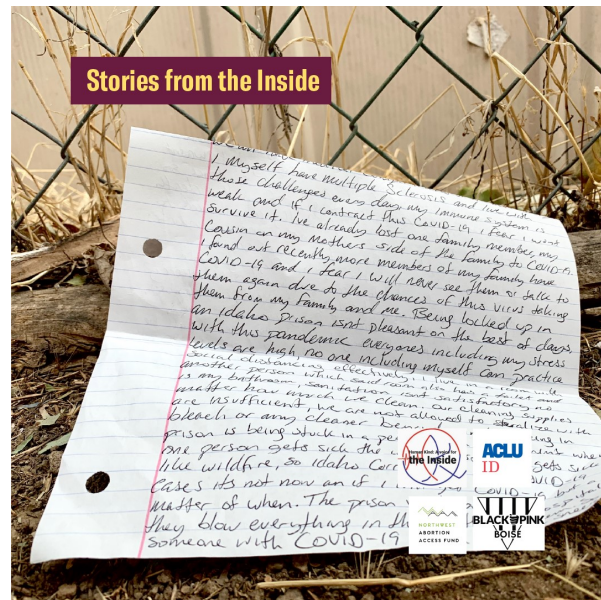
Fair Chance Employment Act

KEY POINTS:

- Ensure that Idahoans returning to the workforce post-incarceration are able to access employment opportunities.
- Decrease their likelihood of recidivism, allow them to provide for themselves and their families, and increase their ability to contribute to Idaho's growing economy.

Cultivate untapped talent within our communities.

Community Engagement



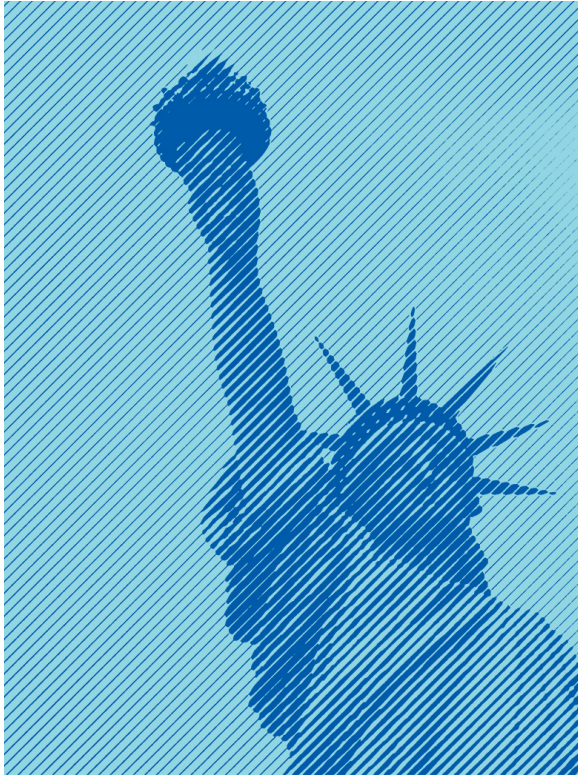


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